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## CHAIRMAN' CHAT

Good evening to everyone and I hope you are all well and enjoying your summer Rugby League this season.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome to the Olympic Legacy Park, the home of Sheffield Eagles Rugby League Football club, Dewsbury Rams, directors, their backroom staff, players and of course their quests and spectators.

Last Friday was a tough game and sadly York City knights came away with the spoils. This is not to say that Sheffield Eagles did not play well they did but as in all sports there has to be a winner and a loser and on this occasion we were the losers

Conceding two tries immediately after the break was our downfall. However I must congratulate the boys on never capitulating and kept going up to the final whistle..

Tonights game against the Dewsbury Rams will not be an easy game. They may well be a couple of places below us in the league table, however, this season it has been that there is no guaranteed winners, no matter what position you are in the table and if we are not up to our best we will fall foul of the

We need to be at our best as we also require the points to keep us up there in the top quarter of the division, where we have been most of the season.

May I remind you that a week on Saturday ( 20th July) we will be travelling to Toulouse to play them in our away game?

If there is anyone who is still thinking of



going over to watch the game and enjoy the City of Toulouse for the weekend may I urge you to book quickly as I am informed places on the flights are going auickly.

It was the latest RFL meeting of Championship and League One clubs on Wednesday this week. A lot was covered and one of the longest lasting meetings I can remember for a good while.

All in all, a positive meeting showing that clubs are (hopefully) willing to work together to move the game forward and better all of

I would like to request that all our supporters remind all the supporters who since we have been out of the City have stopped attending our games that we need them back and we would love to see them all back supporting and cheering on the Eagles.

Can I thank all the volunteers for everything they do for the club, the loyal band of spectators and if you know anyone who wishes to help, get involved or wants to come along to enjoy what is the greatest team game in the world, please encourage them!

May I also take this opportunity to firstly thank all our spectators who turn out in all weathers to give their support to the team and let us have a great year together both on and off the field?

Enjoy the game

Very Best Regards

Chairman - Chris Noble MBE



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## TUBBY TALK

Welcome to the OLP as we host Dewsbury Rams in another huge game in the Betfred Championship.

Results haven't gone our way in recent outings, and as a result we have a big task on if we are to make the top five. It is the fine margins of what has been one of the most competitive leagues in recent memory, because with the level of performance we have produced in our last two games, we could easily be sat here talking about two wins — and we could well be positioned comfortably inside the play-off places!

It was not to be though, the players have really given their all in both games against Leigh and York, but perhaps the luck has deserted us.

The effort of the group cannot be questioned, we maybe just switched off a couple of times during both games, and with the quality of the opposition, that proved to be the difference between the two sides.

As far as I am concerned, the season remains alive and we know a win tonight would again apply some pressure to the teams above us in the standings.

There are seven league games remaining, and we know if we win those games, we'll be in the top five. It is a tall order, but even five or six wins would have us in there, and for me this group is capable of that.

We know it is a tall order, but we are playing well, the lads are in good spirits and we won't give it up until it is mathematically impossible.

We are still assessing the season weekto-week. If we can win tonight, against



a Dewsbury side who have also shown up well in recent games, then it just keeps us within range with a big game against Toulouse on the horizon.

Whilst all the talk is about the league, we also know we have an 1895 Cup semi-final firmly on the horizon with Batley. It really is exciting times for the club, the season is still very much alive and we are looking forward to the remaining games.

A word for Jason Crookes who sustained a shoulder injury last weekend. When he's been fit, he's been great for us, he has just been unfortunate to pick up the same issue.

He'll be back though, and we wish him a speedy recovery as he turns his focus to next season.

Thanks again for all your support, and enjoy the game.

Head Coach - Mark Aston



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A big thank You to Stephen Allender form Shorts Chartered Accountants who selected Oliver Davies as our Man of the Match. Stephen is pictured presenting Olly with his award.

I would like to welcome all our guest to the game today and specifically Lynne Urpeth and her guests from the Cathedral Archer Project. We worked very closely with them for 2018 as they were our charity for the year.

I love working in general but I do love working at this club, but it is not easy and. as Chris Noble has mentioned a number of times, the people around us do not make it easy for us.

I never like to see any business struggle or go under but this week we have unexpectedly seen The Library go out of business

leaving us with a huge issue around our corporate hospitality. As I write this Liam and I are working on a plan and I am sure by kick off we will have it sorted as we always do.

This leads on to the next issue which I know is a hot topic of discussion. We are working very closely with Sheffield United Women in relation to The OLP and making it "fit for purpose". It is disappointing for all of us that we still have no signs of construction, but we are working very hard to secure further information.

The issue for me with this we cannot sell commercial on the stadium which we had planned to do.

We cannot develop or corporate offering as planned and at present we cannot fulfill parts of the 98 Club at present.

It will happen as we will be able to do all of this but as we stand it is stunted revenue streams into the club

On a positive note we are well on the way to securing all sponsors for the kits for next vear.

Albion Detection who appear on the sleeve of our 3 kits have confirmed their support for a further 2 season.

A huge thank you to Mark Slatter and all at Albion Detection for your support.

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Commercial Director - Mark Hannigan



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## FROM THE OFFICE

This evening rounds off a run of four weeks of consecutive home fixtures. It's been difficult on the pitch with back to back losses and fingers crossed the boys can get back to winning ways tonight.

Off the pitch it means little in the way for the 'other' tasks I can catch up with when we have an away game when my match day role is lessened to organising tickets for players & directors, booking and organising the team coach travel and few other tasks on the day itself. With home games coming back-toback it means tasks from general admin in the office to catching up with sponsors and suppliers to marketing and planning takes a back seat

Designing this programme, organising stewarding, toilets, food, drinks, first aid, tickets, volunteers etc. and everything else a home match day entails.

A big thanks to those volunteers over the past couple of weeks. A lot of what they do happens before the gates open and spectators arrives so goes unnoticed by many but without the 17 of them, match days simply wouldn't take place.

In other news, the team travel to Toulouse next week and preparations are all in place for the fixture and trip which requires a little bit of planning!

Toulouse hasn't been a great stomping ground of late but in the early days of their entrance to the Championship, we were one of the only teams to winning consecutively. Toulouse are a force to be reckoned with, especially in the South of France but with recent defeats at home to Bradford & Swinton. the team will go preparing to win.

In terms of away trips, whilst it may seem very unlikely, to show a bit of the work behind the scenes, we could still face a trip to Toronto, should we reach the play-offs and end up facing the Wolfpack in the final!

I'm far from a complete optimist but visas and the like take time to action and get approved so we are starting that process now should the unlikely be reality.

We are aware that our game against Barrow on Sunday 18th August now clashes with Sheffield United's first home game back in the Premier League, their game kick off at 2pm. ours at 3pm.



This will no doubt affect our crowd but also will severely impact our volunteer numbers. many of whom work for SUFC. We are looking to move our match to Saturday 17th however this is proving difficult at the moment with Barrow, as soon as we know more, we will update you.

General Manager -Liam Claffey



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## STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

After two tough games with Leigh and York behind us, it doesn't get particularly easier coming up against Dewsbury tonight.

They ran York close a couple of weeks ago and we only narrowly beat them in round 7 by 16 points to 13. So it will be tough, but are we up for the challenge? I think we are.

Although we've lost the last two games, on the most part the performances have been much improved on how we ran out against Rochdale and Doncaster.

We appear to be starting to bring back a little bit of the creativity we had at the start of the season and fingers crossed, with the prep we've been putting in we can grow on that.

One thing we will need to improve on is how clinical we are when we are close to the try line. Probably one of the most frustrating things from our game against York was spending so much time within 10m of the try line but couldn't punch it in.

If we can improve on that this week, we should be on the right side of the score sheet.

Another challenge for us is obviously managing the loss of Jason Crookes. It's very frustrating for him to be coming back into form and then get hit with that where he could be joining Jamesy and Glover and be out for the rest of the season.

There's had to be a shuffle around in the squad to fill the gap, but we've got the guys who can step in and do a good job.

From a performance preparation



stance this week we've been quite light. We've thrown in another one of our 'chaos' sessions where we drop out of the periodised programme and throw in a random session working right the way through the strength-speed continuum – some overload, max strength, right through to pure speed work.

It's a good way to break up the programming, give a fresh look, not work through huge amounts of

volume and work on post activation potentiation.

Mix this in with some good self-body management, foam rolling, stretching etc. and the players should be in decent condition for tonight's game.

Player Peformance Manager - Simon Vardy







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## **GARETH WALKER**



They've been one of best stories in the Betfred Championship all season, but York City Knights are rapidly becoming "the" story of the campaign.

Last week's away win at Sheffield took James Ford's side up to second on the table as the scramble for the top five hots up.

In a league that is often described as difficult to survive in for teams coming up. the Knights have taken the competition by storm in their first year after promotion.

They've done it without splashing large amounts of money on star players, keeping faith in a lot of the side that won League One last year.

Ford has fashioned a team in the truest sense of the word, and even had to cope with one of his highest profile and most influential squad members Ben Cockayne retiring midway through the campaign.

But their play-offs push shows little sign of slowing up, despite competing against clubs with bigger budgets.

Off the field, the club continues to lead the way on many fronts.

On Tuesday evening they staged their second 'Knights Fest' event for supporters after the huge success of the inaugural one last year, which attracted over 1,000 fans.

It included a junior rugby league festival alongside an inflatable obstacle course and pitch side BBQ.

Both Knights mens and ladies squads were in attendance, and the new York Community Stadium plans were on show, and fans able to secure their 2020 season ticket.

"The club's going in the right direction," Ford told the York Press this

"The potential of this club is massive.

week.

"There are good people in and around it. There are great volunteers, great staff, so I'm always proud to be here.

"For it to be our first year in the Championship and to go second, yeah it's good. But we're not going to get carried away.

"We've got seven testing games, very challenging games, and we must maintain our efforts and keep getting better."

The Knights' form on the field has earned recognition for Ford, who was on England Academy's backroom staff last year and has since been linked to Hull Kingston Rovers.

He is tied to a long-term deal at York though, and given the potential that he talks about, might want to see through a project that could see the Knights continue to rise.

Gareth Walker writes for the Daily Mirror & League Express (out every Monday)



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## LATEST NEWS

Sheffield **Eagles** centre **Jason Crookes** looks set to miss the rest of the season following injury against York last week.

The ex-Batley ace has only iust returned following a similar injury at the start of the season. with director of rugby Mark Aston confirming Crookes looks

to have again dislocated his shoulder, almost certainly resulting in surgery this time around.

He informed The Star: "Jason Crookes was a negative coming out of the York game. He injured the same shoulder, in similar circum-

stances to the last time. It is probably dislocated, so that's his season done now.

"He'll have to get the operation done and then get ready for next season.'

After picking u the first injury in the narrow win over Dewsbury in March, the 29-vear-old returned to action against Toronto in May after delaying an operation until the



end of the season.

Crookes initially took time to rediscover his fitness levels, but his performances in recent weeks suggested he was back up to speed. and once again a key member of Aston's side until disaster struck again last Friday.

Aston explained: "He has looked strong, so it is disappointing for him. He did it trying to

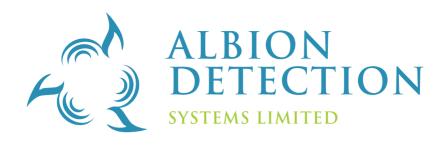
flick a ball out, to get a pass away to get us over the try line. There's an issue there with his shoulder which we knew about, he just needs it resolved now. It's a shame because there's no doubt we'll miss him in the last

seven games."

The injury to Crookes and dual-registration centre Ben Hellewell appearing for London Broncos this week's means Menzie Yere is set to make his first appearance for the Eagles of 2019 tonight.

The stalwart has been on loan at Legaue One side Doncaster





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## BLAKE BROADBENT

DF: We come into tonight's fixture against Dewsbury after losing to York last time out. In regard to the narrow defeats against Leigh and York, how disappointed have the lads been to not have won at least one of those tight games?

BB: It has been a disappointing couple of weeks as both games we have put in real big efforts but come up short. If we can nail that 80-minute performance then we can get some wins under our belts, get back on the horse in the race for the playoffs.

DF: One of the positives from those games is the fact that neither the Knights or Centurions really dominated for long periods. I quess that shows we do have the quality to match the top five sides?

BB: Absolutely as there is no doubt about the quality we have in the side. We have players who can pull stuff out of the bag when we need them to but it's just a case of keeping it where it needs to be for the full game. The first 10 minutes of the second half against York let us down and it got away from us. If we don't switch off for those little periods in the game then the victories are there for us.

DF: Everyone knows we have our work cut out to get into the top five from our current position but tonight's game is where we can start fighting back and hopefully start our challenge?

BB: Definitely so. We have not lost hope and it's not impossible. We have made it tougher but it's nothing we can't do as a group. We



are certainly pushing for those playoffs and there are no cues going up on the rack. We just have to work harder than we have so far and get to where we deserve to be.

DF: What are you expecting to see from the Rams tonight as we only just got over the winning line against them at the Tetley's Stadium earlier on in the year?

BB: They are a tough side to face and they are coming into it off the back of some good performances against the likes of York and Barrow. Last time out at their place was a bit of a mud bath which played into their hands a little bit. Hopefully if we can keep the tempo of the game high, we can tire them out and get over them in that way.



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## BLAKE BROADBENT

DF: Of course we have Toulouse away coming up after this game too. I know we have to take it one game at a time but how much of a boost would a good 80-minute performance be tonight as we head into that one?

BB: Toulouse is going to be a tough game. especially over there and the heat they have been having recently. If we can get a solid performance under our belts against Dewsbury, we can go over there and follow the likes of Swinton and Bradford and get a

DF: On a personal note, it's been another good year for yourself as you have been involved for most of the season. How much have you enjoyed testing yourself in a competitive Championship division?

BB: It's been really good. Every time I get to put the shirt on, I am grateful for it and I don't take it for granted. I've just got to try and make sure my performances are where they need to be and it's also been great having the experience of Brad Knowles and Jamesy who advise me and point me in the right direction.











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## GETTINGTOK

## **Tiahtest Player?**

James Davev. it's ridiculous. it's aetting to the point where he doesn't bring a towel or any shower gel!

## **Favourite Actor?**

Leonardo DiCaprio

## Rugby League Idol?

My Dad (Paul Broadbent)

### **Favourite Film?**

Scarface

## Come Dine with Me - Meal vou'd make & three guests?

My three quests would be Kanye West, Tom Brady and Michael Jordan. The meals I'd make, due to me not being able to cook, would be beans on toast for starter, some sort of steak for main and I'd buy some ice cream for dessert as it's cheap.

## **Best RL Moment?**

Making by debut for the Eagles!



### Blake Broadbent

Number: 21 **Position:** Prop Forward

Heiaht: 5ft 8' Weight: 96kg

Twitter: @BroadbentBlake

## Funniest Player?

I'll have to ao with James Glover for that one.

## **Best Trainer?**

Rvan Millar

## Worst Dressed?

Oliver Davies, must get dressed in the dark!

## City Break or Beach Holiday?

City Break, beaches are boring!

## **Amateur Club?**

**Oulton Raiders** 

## TODAY'STEAMS







## SHEFFIELD **EAGLES**

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1. Josh Guzdek			
2. Ryan Millar			
4. Jason Crookes			
5. Ben Blackmore			
6. Pat Walker			
7. Anthony Thackeray			
8. Pat Moran			
9. James Davey			
10. Matt James			
11. Brad Knowles			
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13. Aaron Brown		••••••••••••	
14. Greg Burns			
15. Oliver Davies			
16. Corey Makelim			
17. Shaun Pick			
18. James Glover			
19. Sonny Esselmont			
21. Blake Broadbent			
22. Paddy Burns			
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26. Joslin Landu			
29. Ben Hellewell			
31. Nathan Mason			
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## DEWSBURY RAMS

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1. Dale Morton

2. Andrew Gabriel

3. Cameron Leemina

4. Adam Ryder

5. Alex Brown

6. Paul Sykes

8. Jode Sheriffe

9. Robbie Ward

10. Toby Richardson

11. Lucas Walshaw

12. Michael Knowles

13. Kyle Trout

14. Lewis Heckford

16. Jordan Andrade

17. Martyn Reilly

18. Sam Dav

19. Daniel Igbinedion

23. Rob Worringy

30. Tom Garratt

31. Harvey Whiteley

32. Owen Trout

34. Daniel Waite-Pullan

38. Liam Finn

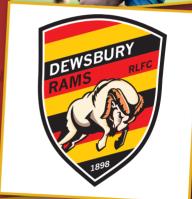
42. Joe Martin

43. Dom Speakman

Match Comissioner: D. Campbell

Time Keeper: M. Hebblethwaite







## LEIGH CENTURIONS 30/06/19

Sheffield Eagles' Championship playoffs took a second hit in consecutive weeks as York City Knights triumphed 23-16 at the Olympic Legacy Park.

The Eagles were level pegging with the Knights at 6-6 going into half-time but a sloppy start to the second half saw York capitalise.

Oliver Davies and Ben Blackmore were the standouts for Sheffield, with a try and a brace respectively.

It was a tight first half with neither side taking control of proceedings.

So much so, the first points of the period came half an hour in when Jason Bass touched down. Connor Robinson added the extras.

Sheffield responded with a try on the final tackle of the first stanza. The ball was flung wide to Blackmore, who did enough to squeeze over in the corner. Patch Walker landed a terrific conversion from the sideline.

Unfortunately for Mark Aston's men, they came out of the blocks lethargically and York weren't needing a second invitation to pile the pressure on.

Cameron Scott and Marcus Stock both crossed for the visitors, with Robinson kicking a solitary goal.

On 52 minutes, Sheffield scored their second try of the evening thanks to a stereotypical Anthony Thackeray trv.

The scrum-half took the line on and dummied his way to a four-pointer. Walker missed the conversion and the match remained a converted try game.

Sheffield had the bit between their teeth and were looking to cut the deficit further. An offload by Jason Crookes fell into the hands of Perry Whiteley who launched a counter attack

The end of that particular set saw York go over though Will Oakes. Robinson landed the goal.

With just under 15 minutes to go, Thackeray played Oliver Davies over the line and the Eagles weren't giving in. Walker converted.

Five minutes were on the clock when Robinson put the game beyond doubt with a drop goal, typifying York's solid game manage-

It looks a tough task for the Eagles to get into the top five but they will be hoping to put a dent in the deficit when Dewsbury Rams come to town



## MATCH REPORT

## SHEFFIELD

*16-23* 

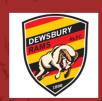
YORK **CITY KNIGHTS** 

- 1. Josh Guzdek
- 2. Ryan Millar
- 27. Jacob Ogden
- 4. Jason Crookes
- 5. Ben Blackmore
- 6. Pat Walker
- 7. Anthony Thackeray
- 11. Bradley Knowles
- 9. James Davev
- 22. Patrick Burns
- 12. Joel Forrell
- 15. Oliver Davies
- 13. Aaron Brown









23. Jason Bass

39. Will Onkes

41. Cameron Scott

4. Brad Hev

20. Perry Whiteley

38. Liam Harris

7. Connor Robinson

10. Jack Teanby

9. Will Jubb

15. Graeme Horne

11. Josh Jordan-Roberts

3. Liam Salter

13. Tim Spears

### INTERCHANGE

- 32. James Meadows
- 21. Blake Broadbent
- 31. Nathan Mason
- 19. Sonny Esslemont

### INTERCHANGE

26. Kriss Brining 37. Jordan Baldwinson 16. Jack Blaaborough 22. Marcus Stock

## TODAY'S VISITORS

After a run of four defeats. which included heavy losses to Leigh, Toronto and Widnes, tonight's visitors got back to winning ways last week, at home to Barrow Raiders and so will arrive here at the Olympic Legacy Park tonight looking to continue their victorious form.

Eagles supporters may feel hard done to lately with two close losses to Leigh & York respectively, but Rams faithful may feel more aggrieved this season. They have suffered five defeats by less than six points during the 2019 campaign to date including a 13-16 defeat to Sheffield earlier this year at The Tetley's Stadium, a last

gasp tries from Ben Blackmore being the difference.

Turning to the positives this season for Dewsbury, they have had some excellent wins including a 22-32 victory away at Featherstone whilst they shocked Widnes at the Halton Stadium with a one-point win, 24-25 to steal the two points.

A draw against Barrow and further victories against Swinton & Rochdale coupled with last week's win see the Rams on 11 points and in 12th position in the league table ahead of tonight's match.

Victory could see them leapfrog Batley & Widnes who sit on 12 points however their games over the weekend could challenge

Dewsbury's appointed new coach Lee Greenwood ahead of the 2019 season and with his late recruitment in the off-season



saw a flurry of signings including the club being very active bringing in players during the season.

Signings have included the likes of experienced half-back Liam Finn following his early season departure from Betfred League One side Newcastle Thunder.

They have also added the Dominic Speakman recently. Dom was previously with the Rams but joined Widnes however following limited game time, was released by the Vikings and was quickly snapped up again by Lee Greenwood.

A number of ex-Eagles are in the visitors squad, including Simon Brown, Michael Knowles, Rob Worrincy & Liam Johnson.

Their league position doesn't give the full story of the Rams performances to date so expect a tough contest tonight!

## THREE TO WATCH

### **Robbie Ward**

Hooker Ward came through the system at Leeds Rhinos making his debut for them against Hull FC back in 2014. He went on to bag himself 11 Super League appearances for the Rhinos where he also made several appearances for Hunslet Hawks on dual registration.

He had a short stint in Australia competing in the Queensland Cup before returning to the UK, taking up a contract with Featherstone in 2016 before finally joining the Rams in 2017 where he has remained since.

A strong and competent hooker he works well alongside the likes of Sam Day and now, the returning Dom Speakman.



### **Rob Worrincy**

Worrincy will be well-known to the Eagles supporters, he has had three separate stints at the club, starting way back in 2005 and made over 130 appearances for Mark Aston's side

With over 300 appearances under his belt and 200 plus tries to his names, the 34 year old has bags of experience and wealth of talent.

He still knows his way to the try line and still has plenty of pace to burn. One to watch on the wing for the Rams toniaht!

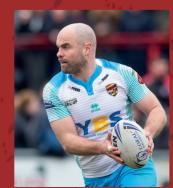
### Liam Finn

Another player with a wealth of experience is half-back Liam Finn.

Him and Eagles Head Coach Mark Aston know each other well from their Ireland days, Aston as Coach & Finn as Captain.

It's his second stint at the Rams after making over 100 appearances for them from 2006-09 before joining Featherstone after which, he made the step up to Super League following his ex-coach Daryl Powell before making the short trip over to Wakefield.

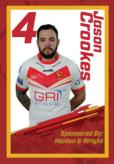
A clever operator in the halves, he can manage games excellently, a danger for the Eagles certainly tonight.



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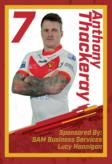








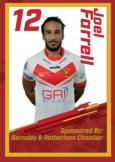


















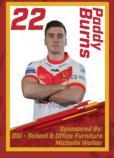






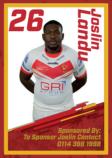














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## VIEW FRRK



After last Friday's narrow defeat to York City Knights at the Olympic Legacy Park, the Eagles need to get back on the horse - and fast!

It already looks a tough challenge to make a top five charge so the South Yorkshire club need to be faultless from here on in to give themselves the best chance of gaining a place in the playoffs.

Tough losses to Leigh and York haven't helped matters and if just one of those could have gone our way then the feeling around the club would have been a tad more positive in regard to overtaking the likes of Featherstone, the Centurions and others.

A sloppy start to the second half against York cost the Eagles dear as they couldn't quite get back to level pegging although they did come close on a number of occasions.

But still, despite the result, the performances of some individuals stood out from the crowd and did bring some positivity when looking ahead to future games.

Just how good has Oliver Davies been this season? Another try for his tally but also a standout in the pack against a solid Knights side. Ben Blackmore, once again, threatened on the wing and with his dummy-half runs in the midfield

There is a lot of talent in the Eagles ranks, and some off the field with Matt James and James Glover sidelined with Jason Crookes also suffering a nasty looking injury just last week.

It may see a return to the Red and Gold for Menzie Yere in the near future and that will put a smile on the Eagles fans' faces.

Whether he plays in the centres or at backrow, where he has featured for Donny on loan, he will still bring a fear factor to opposition defences although his powers are limited compared to past years.

Today we take on Dewsbury Rams, who are keeping their head above water in the lower echelons of the division. A mightily important victory over Barrow Raiders last time out will have given Lee Greenwood's side a boost and they will be confident of another good performance here tonight.

It does depend on which Eagles side turn up, and for how long. If we're on our game then we have shown we can get over the winning line with ease. But there have been times where teams have given us a scare despite their league position and if we aren't careful, it could happen again.

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## CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Tuesday this week I had the privilege of visiting two primary schools where our charity 'South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Service' will be providing a service of listening and chaplaincy for the staff members from September onwards.

One of the schools had various motivational quotes on walls around the school to encourage the children in their work and endeavours. I thought the following quote by Mother Teresa was fantastic:

'I can do things you cannot, vou can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.'

How true this is: what a lesson for us all to learn. There can be so much pressure to be

good at everything rather than recognising and coming to terms with the fact that we can't be good at all things. Recognising that there are some things we're not good at can be so liberating and a defining moment in our lives.

It can also strengthen our relationships with our partners, family, work colleagues and team mates as we discover that collaboration can be such a positive thing and that we can achieve more together as we recognise and appreciate each other's strengths and weaknesses and help each other to develop and improve.

"You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins" Jim Stovall

Are there areas in your life where you need to acknowledge that you're not that good at it and someone else can and could do it a lot better and needs to be given the space and encouragement to do so? And from

there endeavours it will enhance you in your work together?

Henry Ford said: "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress. and working together is success.

I know in my relationship with Linda my wife there are things she is far better at doing than me and always will be.

Coming to terms with this helped our relationship and has

created space for her to develop more in those areas and excel. We could only work so well together by recognising and working with each others' strengths and weaknesses.

Henry Ford goes on to say: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Remember you can and will be able to do lots of things well; but it's also good to remind ourselves that at times we won't be able to do things by ourselves and that's ok; to need help from others is ok too.

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team" Phil Jackson

Club Chaplain - Baz Gascoyne





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